Membership Meeting, April 26th, 2017

The Meeting was called to order at 11:30 A.M. by President, Melody Kellogg.

Approval of 109th Membership Meeting Minutes - Tassey Beeson

Motion to approve minute: Allison Vernon, 2nd by Gail Currier

Resolutions - David Oberhelman

Oberhelman presented 2 resolutions. First, Resolution to urge Congress to fund the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) second, to honor the retirement of Kay Boies. 

Resolution to urge Congress to fund the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), including full funding for the Grants to States Program and the Native American Grants Program under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), and other grants that support Oklahoma libraries.

WHEREAS, federal library funding helps Oklahoma libraries provide resources for students, assistance to small business, internet access, support for job seekers, technology training, summer reading programs, and transparent access to the information necessary to support a free and open democracy; and

WHEREAS, school, public, academic, and tribal libraries in all Oklahoma communities are better able to serve their patrons with in-depth, accurate resources made possible by federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the LSTA Grants to States Program is flexible, allowing the Oklahoma Department of Libraries to meet the particular library and information needs of our state’s people; and

WHEREAS, a 2017 independent evaluation showed the Oklahoma Department of Libraries to be an excellent steward of federal library funds; and, Whereas, the LSTA Native American Grants Program has provided basic and enhancement grants to Oklahoma tribal libraries, allowing them to better serve the informational and educational needs of Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma children have benefited from the Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) grants through the U.S. Department of Education, enabling our poorest schools to obtain essential materials, books, and supplies; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Oklahoma Library Association urges Congress to pass, and President Trump to sign, a federal budget that appropriates $230 million to IMLS for libraries and museums, which will fully fund the Grants to States Program at $186.6 million; fully fund the Native American Grants Program at $3.86 million and other competitive library grants at $23 million; and, also, be it further
RESOLVED, that the Oklahoma Library Association urges Congress to pass, and President Trump to sign, a $27 million appropriation to the IAL program through the U.S. Department of Education budget.

Resolution Honoring Kay Boies upon her Retirement from OLA

WHEREAS Kay Boies has announced her retirement after having served as executive director of the Oklahoma Library Association for 33 years; and

WHEREAS Kay Boies has been a leader in the running of OLA as well as a tireless advocate for libraries, librarians and staff, and patrons of Oklahoma libraries; and

WHEREAS Kay has humbly said that she has been honored enough through the years and wanted to keep fanfare to a minimum; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Library Association applauds her for her many years of service and advocacy, and wishes her well in her new chapter of life.

Motion to approve first, Valerie Kimble. Second, Lynn McIntosh.

Treasurer’s Report: Misty Long

Motion to approve first, Nicole Sump-Creather. Second, Carl Stewart

Endowment Report: Gail Currier

Currier thanked the Endowment Committee for all of their hard work.

They were very happy with the donations from the overall conference.

ALA Councilor – Nicole Sump-Creather

ALA is working on a new system for conferences. More information to come.

MPLA Representative Report – Tim Miller

MPLA has a strong representation from Oklahoma. Conference will be held in Lake Tahoe, Nevada October 16th-18th.

Legislative Committee Report – Meghan Hunt Wilson

It’s been a busy year with the new Lobbyist’ McSpadden Milner Robinson.

She will be attending Legislative Day in Washington D.C. with ALA.
Marketing Committee Report – Shay Beezley

Please keep sending your things to Marketing.

Membership Committee Report – Susan Urban

They have combined Membership and Career, Recruitment and Retention Center on the website. The Committee is hosting Librarian Problems with William Ottens at the Bizzell Library in June.

Constitution and Bylaws – Michele Seikel

Lots of handbook changes.

Continuing Education Committee

The Continuing Education Committee added the brand-new OLA Workshop Planning Guide on page 81. Check it out—it’s got everything you need to plan your DROC’s workshop.

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee revised the Communications Guidelines, covering in depth lots of aspects of social media, etc. It’s on p. 72.

Oklahoma School Librarians

Oklahoma School Librarians entire Handbook has also been revised. Find it on page 33.

Sequoyah Awards Administrative Committee

For the first time, we have added the Sequoyah Book Awards Policies and Procedures Manual to the Handbook, as part of the Committee’s section, on page 152-181.

Information Technology Roundtable Report – Jackie Kropp

iCon it’s coming, August 10-11 Rose State College.

Conference Evaluations – Jenny Bodenhamer

She thanked the committee for all their hard work.

Please fill out conference evaluations.

Words from the President – Melody Kellogg

I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard in making this 109th Conference a success.

Thank you all for your dedicated work.

Presentation of Gavel – Melody Kellogg

Remarks: Incoming President – Linda Pye
Thank you to past President, Melody Kellogg. I look forward to serving as the new President, and I will continue the work of past leaders. I wish Kay Boies well in her retirement.

I would like everyone to encourage members to get involved in OLA, if you serve, you get more connected.

I believe libraries are more important now than ever, Libraries and not books, they are Librarians.

Conference next year is in Tulsa April 23rd-25.

Meeting adjourned 12:17 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tassey Beeson.